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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ON SECRETARY'S VISIT AND DIPLOMATIC
CONTACTS

1. WHILE AHARAM AND GUMHURIYYA BANNER INCREASED NUMBER OF CLASHES ON SYRIAN FRONT AND PREPAREDNESS OF EGYPTIAN ARMY, AKHBAR HAS AS MAIN STORY ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY IN CAIRO. AKHBAR STATES THAT SECRETARY HAS DECIDED TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO DECEMBER 13, AND THAT HE IS EXPECTED TO STAY IN EGYPT FOR ONE DAY, DURING WHICH HE WILL CONDUCT TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND MEET PRESIDENT SADAT. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT, ACCORDING TO POLITICAL CIRCLES, SECRETARY'S MISSION IS LINKED WITH GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AND WITH DEFINING TASK OF CONFERENCE ITSELF, INCLUDING PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION OF TIMING OF PEACE TALKS WHICH WALDHEIM WILL ATTEND IN HIS CAPACITY AS UN SECRETARY GENERAL. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT SECRETARY'S VISIT WILL INCLUDE SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA, AND, PROBABLY, LEBANON (JORDAN IS NOT MENTIONED).

2. ARTICLE ADDS THAT FAHMY RECEIVED AMBASSADOR EILTS DECEMBER
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2, ON US INITIATIVE, WHO PRESENTED HIM WITH

"AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT EVENTS NOW
TAKING PLACE." AKHBAR ADDS THAT FAHMY ALSO MET DECEMBER 2
WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR ADAMS TO DISCUSS "PRESENT DANGEROUS
SITUATION IN AREA" AS RESULT OF ISRAELI ARROGANCE, AND TO
NOTE EGYPTIAN INSISTENCE ON "NECESSITY OF COMPLETING IMPLEMEN-
TATION OF THE SIX POINT AGREEMENT." AKHBAR NOTES THAT CAIRO
HAS MADE IT CLEAR IN ITS CONTACTS WITH THE GREAT POWERS THAT
WITHDRAWAL TO OCTOBER 22 LINES WAS NOT ONLY DUE TO ISRAEL'S
INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS, BUT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. AKHBAR
CONCLUDES THAT WASHINGTON HAS RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM CAIRO
STATING THAT "THESE CHALLENGES BY ISRAEL TO SC RESOLUTIONS
AND TO THE GUARANTEES OF THE GREAT POWERS CONCERNED WITH
ESTABLISHING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CANNOT ASSIST IN CREATING
A SUITABLE CLIMATE FOR THE PEACE CONFERENCE BECAUSE SERIOUS
TENSION NOW PRESENT IN THE AREA MIGHT LEAD TO THE POSSIBILITY
OF A RENEWAL OF FIGHTING."
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